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FM USINT ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 923

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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ATTN: AID/W SER/FM/FSD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, AG

SUBJ: SECOND TRANS-SAHARAN SHIPMENT

REFS: A) ABIDJAN 6426 B) NIAMEY 2659 C) STATE 171882 D) BAMAKO 2475

1. USINT GAVE ON AUGUST 8 OFFICIAL NOTICE TO FOREIGN OFFICE, SNTR AND SONATMAG OF ALGIERS/AGADEZ SHIPMENT OF 1500 TONS OF SORGHUM.

2. SNTR HAS STARTED CLEARANCE PROCESS WHICH TAKES ABOUT 10 DAYS. SNTR IS READY TO TAKE SORGHUM WHEREVER WE WISH-GOA, AGADEZ, TAHOUA, BUT WE MUST FIGURE ON 10 DAYS NOTICE IF THERE IS A CHANGE FROM AGADEZ. ARRANGEMENT FOR CONVOYS WITH PREPLACEMENT OF FUEL IS COMPLICATED BUSINESS WHICH SNTR DID WELL ON ORAN/GAO SHIPMENT. HOWEVER, IF WE CHANGE PLANS IN MID-STREAM, SHIPMENT COULD VERY WELL NOT GO AS SMOOTHLY AS LAST ONE. THEREFORE UNLESS THERE REAL REASON FOR CHANGING

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DESTINATION USINT BELIEVES IT BETTER POLICY TO CONTINUE

WITH FIRST PLAN ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH SNTR-1500 TONS  
ALGIERS/AGADEZ.

3. SNTR QUOTED FOLLOWING PRICES:

ALGIERS-AGADEZ 2891 KILOMETERS-20,382.80 DINARS

PER 20 TON TRUCKLOAD.

ORAN-AGADEZ 2986 KILOMETERS 20,759.40 DINARS

PER 20 TON TRUCKLOAD

ORAN-GOA 2786 KILOMETERS- 19,828.91 DINARS

PER 20 TON TRUCKLOAD.

SNTR DID NOT HAVE READY A PRICE TO TAHOUA, BUT KHOLLADI  
SAID DIRECT ROUTE AGADEZ-TAHOUA VERY BAD SO TRUCKS WOULD  
HAVE TO TAKE MUCH LONGER ROUTE TO SOUTH, THEN WEST  
AND BACK NORTH TO TAHOUA.

4. KHOLLADI SAID ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SHIPMENT TO  
AGADEZ SHOULD BE ABOUT 50 PERCENT OR 800,000 DINARS-  
SAME AS LAST TIME. REQUEST SER/FM/FSD AUTHORIZE  
RFC/PARIS TO ISSUE APPROPRIATE CHECK. EXPECT SONATMAG  
WILL ALSO ASK SAME ADVANCE AS BEFORE.

5. KHOLLADI WILL HAVE CONTRACT READY FOR DOERR ON AUGUST 13.

6. USINT WILL MEET DOERR AND HE CAN STAY AT RESIDENCE.

7. ALOUI OF SONATMAG OUT OF TOWN BUT HOPE TO HAVE  
MEETING WITH HIM TOMORROW, AUGUST 9, TO RESPOND  
TO LOADING RATE QUESTIONS AND ADVANCE.  
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